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## Market News



### WEEKLY SUMMARY AND STATISTICS

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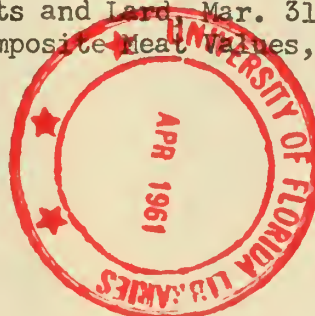
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## MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW

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### RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

The general trend on slaughter steers and heifers at midwest terminals was steady to 75¢ lower with heifers mostly steady to 50¢ off. The decline was influenced by lower prices on steer beef which more than offset the effect of reduced marketings. Cows sold steady to 75¢ higher under the influence of reduced numbers and higher cow beef prices. Stockers and feeders were largely steady to 50¢ lower. Barrows and gilts closed mostly 25-50¢ lower; sows steady to 50¢ lower. Slaughter lambs were steady to 25¢ lower at most midwest terminals. At Fort Worth prices were 50¢-\$1.50 lower.

**SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES** - Slaughter steers and heifers sold generally steady to 75¢ lower at midwest terminals with heifers largely steady to 50¢ lower. Cows were steady to 75¢ higher and bulls about steady. Vealers were steady at St. Louis and \$2.00-3.00 lower at St. Paul. Producers continued to curtail marketings but small supplies failed to stimulate trading on slaughter steers and heifers due to the continued poor demand for these classes in the dressed trade. With live cost high in relation to returns from the dressed product, most packers chose to further reduce killing numbers rather than pay higher prices for steers and heifers. On the other hand, cow beef found a good outlet at 50¢-\$1.00 higher price levels and influenced the upturn in the live trade. Cow slaughter under Federal inspection fell below a year ago. Slaughter steers and heifers made up the bulk of the receipts at most terminals with Good to average-Choice grades predominating. High-Choice and Prime steers and heifers were virtually absent at most points with Prime steers making up only about 12 percent of the steer supply at Chicago. Cows were in small supply at most points.

Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1000-1425# slaughter steers brought \$26.50-28.50 in Chicago with several loads Prime 1125-1350# at \$28.25-28.50. A few high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime steers brought \$25.50-26.75 at other terminals where bulk of the high-Good and Choice 900-1300# moved at \$23.50-25.50. Some high-Choice 1050-1300# steers sold at \$26.25-26.75 in Chicago and in Omaha a load of high-Choice 1595# went at \$24.00. Good steers cashed at \$22.00-24.00. A few high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime slaughter heifers sold at \$24.50-26.00 while Choice brought \$23.00-25.00. Good heifers sold at \$21.00-23.50. Utility and Commercial cows sold at \$16.25-18.50, Canner and Cutter at \$14.00-17.00.

**STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES** - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets were about normal

for the time of year. A large percent of the over-all supplies consisted of 450-750# steers. Good and Choice yearling stockers predominated. Moderate numbers of 400-450# calves were marketed but lighter weight calves were scarce. Majority of the 800-1050# feeder steers were kinds which already had received a start on grain feeds. Trading at best was only fairly active and often was slow with prices at midwest markets unevenly steady to 50¢ lower. Most dependable demand continued to center on calves and thin 500-650# yearlings suitable for putting on grass. Buyers generally were inclined to proceed cautiously in the face of an erratic and frequently bearish demand for slaughter cattle and, even though slaughterers were not aggressive in competing for fleshy two-way kinds, not many in that category over 950# were purchased by feeder buyers.

Scattered shipments Choice 520-604# stock steers brought \$28.50-31.00; bulk Good and Choice 525-750# yearlings \$24.00-28.00; Medium and low-Good \$19.50-24.00. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers bulked at \$22.00-24.50, few loads around 800# up to \$25.00 as weight continued to be an important price determining factor. At Sioux City a few loads partly fattened 879-1044# were included at \$23.00-23.75 and at Omaha 2 loads Good and Choice fleshy 929# went at \$23.25. Medium and low-Good feeders ranged \$19.50-22.25. Good and Choice yearling heifers sold chiefly from \$21.00-25.50, few Choice 550-600# \$25.75-26.25. Choice, thin 421# steer calves brought \$32.50 and a part load Choice 398# \$33.00; bulk Good and Choice steer calves \$25.50-31.00, same grades heifer calves \$23.00-28.25.

**HOGS** - Receipts of hogs at the 12 markets totaled 293,000 head, 12 percent more than the previous week, but 8 percent under a year ago. Chicago had the largest run for any week since last January. The consist of the receipts did not change much from recent weeks with mixed U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 190-270# barrows and gilts making up the bulk of the offerings. A few centers in the western part of the area had an increased volume of kinds weighing over 250#. Sows comprised 5-12 percent at the various points. Increased receipts and an uneven dressed pork trade proved to be bearish factors influencing a general downturn in live prices. Price spreads on barrows and gilts were relatively narrow with a large share of 190-300# offerings falling in a 50¢-75¢ range. Order buyers proved to be fairly aggressive operators at most markets with those interests taking 26 percent of the run at Omaha. Barrows and gilts closed mostly 25-50¢ lower, however, prices at Omaha finished steady to 25¢ off. Sows were steady to 50¢ lower.



At the close, U. S. No. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts bulked at \$17.50-18.00, up to \$18.10 at Indianapolis. Bulk of the supply was offered and sold in mixed U.S. 1, 2 and 3, 180-250# shipments at \$17.00-17.75. U.S. 2-3, 270-300# sold during the week at \$16.50-17.25. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows had an extreme range of \$14.50-16.75, most sales \$15.00-16.50.

Prices on feeder pigs declined 50¢ at St. Paul but held steady at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-160# feeders at St. Paul brought \$16.50-17.00 while same grades 130-170# at Sioux City sold at \$16.00-17.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 82¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago April 6 to April 12, 1961, inclusive.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 345,000 head, around 10 percent more than the previous week and 3 percent more than a year earlier. Barrows and gilts and sows closed mostly steady. Sows made up about 6 percent of the receipts.

On Friday, mixed U. S. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts, including some 190-200#, sold at \$16.75-17.25 and limited 1 and 2 selected lots brought \$17.25-17.50. U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows sold from \$14.85-16.40; 400-550# \$14.00-15.65.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Shorn old crop slaughter lambs predominated the week's supply and included several shipments 110# and heavier. Spring lambs comprised 26 percent of the receipts at Fort Worth but were very limited at other points. The expanded slaughter lamb marketings coupled with lower carlot dressed lamb prices were bearish factors influencing price downturns on the live trade. Old crop slaughter lambs closed mostly steady to 25¢ lower, instances 50¢-\$1.00 off at St. Paul and Fort Worth; exception to the downturn was slight strength on woolled lambs at Omaha and Sioux City and steady to 25¢ higher at St. Joseph. Spring slaughter lambs were \$1.00-1.50 lower at Fort Worth. Slaughter ewes were steady to weak, instances 50¢ lower. Feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off.

Choice and Prime 92-110# woolled old crop slaughter lambs brought \$17.00-17.50 late in the week, a few loads \$17.75-18.00; 110-122# \$15.50-17.25. Good and Choice 83-115# \$15.00-17.00, few 116-124# \$14.50-15.00. Choice and Prime 85-110# shorn old crop lambs with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts \$16.00-16.50, few loads No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.75-17.00; Choice and Prime 110-122# \$14.50-16.00; Good and Choice 97-116# \$14.75-16.00. At Fort Worth, Good and Choice 88-107# shorn lambs No. 2-3 pelts \$14.00-15.00; Choice and Prime 82-99# spring slaughter lambs \$18.00-19.00 and at Fort Worth Good and Choice 66-85# \$16.00-17.00.

Cull to Choice slaughter ewes \$3.00-8.00.

Good and Choice 83-98# shorn feeder lambs with No. 2-3 pelts \$13.50-15.50. Good and Choice 80-91# shearing lambs \$15.50-16.00.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 26,400 head, little different from the previous week, but 11 percent more than a year ago. Old crop slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ lower; slaughter ewes steady.

Choice with a few Prime 80-105# woolled old crop slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants brought \$16.50-17.25 on late rounds with a large share at \$17.00; bulk Choice and Prime 105-120# lambs \$15.00-17.00. Good and Choice 80-110# \$15.50-17.00. Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts sold from \$16.00-16.50, and few sales fall shorn pelt lambs to \$16.75; bulk Choice with end of Prime 105-115#, and Good and Choice 80-110#, \$15.00-16.25. Cull to Choice slaughter ewes mainly shorn \$2.00-5.00.

#### RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, prices steady to 50¢ lower. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower; spring lambs generally steady to 25¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Around 130 loads mainly Choice 875-1175# \$24.50-25.25; 6 loads Choice including a few Prime 1300# \$23.75; 95 loads Good and Choice 875-1150# \$23.50-24.25; 30 loads mostly Good 850-1125# \$22.75-23.50. For August delivery, 32 loads expected mostly Choice 1075-1125# \$24.00.

Slaughter heifers: About 7 loads Choice 800-875# \$24.25-24.50; 45 loads mostly Choice, end high-Good 800-1000# \$23.00-24.00; 4 loads Standard and Good 800-900# \$22.00-22.50.

Stockers and feeders: California - 70 Good and Choice 380# steer calves \$28.00, for up to May 20; 400 Good and Choice 400# mixed steers \$27.00, heifers \$24.50; 560 Good and Choice 375-500# steers \$25.25-26.75; 6,375 Good and Choice 525-700# steers \$23.75-25.00, with steers at \$23.75 for delivery up to July 1; Good and Choice 700-750# \$23.25-23.50; 200 Good 575# steers \$23.00 delivered feedlot; 500 Medium 600-700# steers \$20.50; 200 Good and Choice 450-475# heifers \$23.00-24.00; 1,875 Good and Choice 550-875# heifers \$21.00-22.00.

Sheep and lambs: Arizona - 11,000 Choice and Prime 95-100# spring slaughter lambs \$17.00. California - 3,000 mostly Choice 90# spring lambs \$17.75, bulk to

continue on feed; 25,000 Choice and Prime 95-104# slaughter spring lambs and 80-95# feeders \$16.65-17.25; Choice and Prime 100-110# slaughter \$16.00-16.50; 1,300 Cull and Utility slaughter ewes with No. 3 pelts \$4.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Lower whole-sale beef trade early in the week tended to slow trading, but on Thursday demand improved particularly for heifers and trading was active. Slaughter steers and heifers sold early 25-50¢ lower, but most late sales were steady with last week's close. In Colorado, 4 loads average and high-Choice 1175# slaughter steers with end of Prime \$25.00; 103 loads mostly low and average-Choice 1100-1275# \$24.00-24.60; 4 loads high-Good to average-Choice 1125-1200# \$23.75-24.25. Fourteen loads average and high-Choice 965-1045# slaughter heifers \$24.25-24.50; 182 loads low and average-Choice 825-1050# \$23.50-24.00; 3 loads high-Good to average-Choice 925-1025# \$23.00-23.50. Wyoming: 3 loads 1000-1025# slaughter heifers \$24.00.

Limited sales stockers and feeders fully steady. Western Kansas: 130 Choice 525# steers \$28.00; around 360 Good to mostly Choice 675-775# steers \$23.75-25.00. Around 250 Choice 475-500# heifers \$25.00; 320 Good and Choice 600-650# heifers \$22.85-23.50.

Slaughter lambs sold steady to 25¢ higher, mostly steady, with sales confirmed on 15,600 head. Colorado: Choice and Prime wooled slaughter lambs 90-112# \$17.25-17.50, few 115-122# \$16.50-17.00. Choice and Prime 103-110# shorn lambs mixed No. 1, 2 and 3 pelts \$15.25-16.00, string 103# No. 1 pelts \$16.25. Most lambs being bought on a sliding scale of 10¢ a pound discount for each pound over 110# on wooled lambs and 106# on shorn lambs.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct trading on slaughter cattle was very slow. Slaughter steers were steady, and slaughter cows closed 50¢ higher. Stockers and feeders were in broad demand, but the available supply was limited. Prices were firm to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up on calves over 400#. Around 100 head mixed Good and Choice 950# slaughter steers \$24.50, 450 mostly Good, 1000-1100# \$23.25-24.00; 289 Cutter and low-Utility cows \$16.00-16.50. Around 650 head Good to mostly Choice mixed stockers, 600# steers \$27.00, 519# heifers \$25.50; So. Texas, 1,800 Good and Choice 550-600# \$25.00 on steers, \$23.50 on heifers; 2,100 Medium 550-675# steers \$20.00-20.35; 740 Choice 400-425# steer calves \$30.00-32.50 with 370-400# heifers \$27.00-29.00, 3,125 Good and Choice, mostly Good 450-480# steers \$26.50-29.00, 400-460# heifers \$24.00-25.50. Trading on lambs was slow, prices steady to mostly 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off. Around 869 head mostly Prime 95-100#

spring slaughter lambs \$17.00; 4,875 Good to mostly Choice 95-103# with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts \$13.50-15.00, bulk \$14.00.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers and heifers were mostly 50¢ lower. Stockers and feeders slow, steady to 50¢ lower. Around 200 Good and Choice 1050# slaughter steers \$23.75; 625 Good and Choice 925-1000# heifers \$22.50-23.15; 335 Good 700# \$23.00-23.40; load Standard 700# \$22.00; for early May delivery 75 Utility slaughter cows \$15.25. Load Choice 681# feeder steers \$24.75; for May delivery 135 Good 650# \$23.50 and 2 loads Medium 650# \$22.00; for June delivery 600 Good 825-650# 2-year-olds \$22.00; 675 Choice 545-650# heifers \$23.50-24.25. For June-August delivery 2,350 Good and Choice 575-625# \$22.00-22.75, mainly \$22.50-22.75 for June; 400 Good and Choice stock calves 500# \$27.00 on steers, \$24.00 on heifers; May delivery, 1,700 Good 450# steers \$26.50; 300 Good and Choice 325# steers \$30.00, heifers \$27.00; August delivery 110 Good with few Choice, 500# steers \$26.50, heifers \$24.50.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Direct trade slaughter steers and heifers was slow, barely steady to 50¢ lower, mostly 25-50¢ off, with bulk of downturn on steers; stocker and feeder cattle and calves steady to weak; slaughter lambs weak to 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 1025-1200# \$24.00-25.00; Good and Choice 1075-1200# \$23.00. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 1000-1150# \$23.00-23.50; same grades 1175-1200# \$22.00-22.25.

Slaughter heifers: Washington and Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 800-925# \$22.00-23.30.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Good and Choice 800# steers \$23.50 with small cut at \$22.00. Washington and Idaho - Good and Choice 550-700# mixed, steers \$23.50-24.50, heifers \$21.50-23.00. Good and Choice 300-350# mixed calves \$30.00. Oregon - Good and Choice 575# steers \$24.50. Slaughter lambs Oregon - Choice and Prime No. 1-3 pelts 100# \$14.50-15.50 delivered.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Trading on all classes slow.

Cattle: Slaughter steers and heifers weak to 25¢ lower. No confirmed sales stockers and feeders or cows. About 250 Choice 1050-1200# slaughter steers \$22.75-23.50, those at \$22.75 carrying small end high-Good; 50 low to average-Choice 950-1020# heifers \$21.50-22.50. Calves - Few sales steady. Montana - 200 high-Good and Choice 427-475# steers \$27.75; 200 Choice expected 425-450# fall delivery \$28.00. Northern Wyoming - 1,200 Choice 375-400# heifers \$27.50.

Sheep: Slaughter lambs steady to strong; 1,700 Choice 97-116# wooled \$15.00-17.75; 800 Choice 95-105# wooled lambs \$17.50-17.75, delivered.



## WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago .....	31,175	29,348	166	273	35,309	33,093	4,374	5,199
Cincinnati .....	2,993	3,110	797	722	12,711	11,688	381	899
Denver .....	8,469	8,522	307	299	4,704	5,068	19,700	19,302
Fort Worth .....	6,316	5,970	958	1,167	2,575	3,111	25,960	24,188
Indianapolis .....	7,230	6,548	556	515	33,733	30,849	986	1,149
Kansas City .....	19,343	20,636	703	1,298	15,540	14,778	7,478	6,625
Oklahoma City .....	7,678	6,841	420	840	4,085	4,239	2,294	1,128
Omaha .....	31,098	28,882	480	688	37,836	43,100	12,392	11,410
St. Joseph .....	14,405	15,130	440	574	17,128	25,955	5,073	6,003
St. Louis NSY .....	15,143	14,228	1,557	1,728	48,927	58,863	3,242	2,641
Sioux City .....	21,821	25,429	517	478	32,511	45,845	7,241	4,676
S. St. Paul .....	20,711	16,909	5,762	5,763	47,562	42,800	8,915	6,293
Total .....	186,382	181,553	12,663	14,345	292,621	319,389	98,036	89,513
Apr. 8, 1961 .....	193,121		11,384		261,762		89,004	

## INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Apr. 15, 1961	Apr. 8, 1961	Apr. 16, 1960
Hogs .....	345,000	314,000	334,000
Sheep ....	26,400	27,300	23,700

## STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Three months	
	Apr. 13	Apr. 6	Apr. 14	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.-Mar.
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
Steers - 1001# up .....	364	713	699	2,801	3,135	10,207
901-1000 .....	1,553	1,543	2,013	8,444	10,979	26,155
801-900 .....	2,283	3,177	2,935	11,836	14,886	41,523
701-800 .....	3,385	4,198	4,033	15,660	15,160	47,031
501-700 .....	11,416	11,854	12,749	53,689	40,885	136,770
Total steers 10 markets .....	19,001	21,485	22,429	92,430	85,045	261,686
Av. wts. " " " .....	691#	700#	704#	697#	730#	715#
Av. cost* " " " .....	\$24.49	\$24.40	\$25.47	\$24.09	\$24.90	\$24.24
" " " Chicago .....	23.53	23.26	24.83	22.95	25.01	23.17
" " " Kansas City .....	24.69	24.81	25.65	24.50	25.14	24.19
" " " Omaha .....	24.94	24.00	25.67	23.70	24.27	24.23
" " " S. St. Paul .....	21.72	22.28	24.10	21.63	24.63	21.89
" " " Sioux City .....	25.89	25.88	26.29	25.58	25.99	25.85
" " " Denver .....	23.10	23.23	25.69	24.77	25.14	25.18
" " " Ft. Worth .....	23.24	23.48	24.06	23.22	24.44	23.43
" " " Oklahoma City ...	23.97	23.73	24.22	23.53	23.91	23.39
" " " S. St. Joseph ...	25.60	24.60	25.42	24.38	24.51	23.87
" " " St. Louis NSY ...	22.59	23.28	24.35	23.06	24.51	23.00
Total calves - 10 markets ....	7,000	7,253	5,400	34,324	28,342	134,649
" heifers " " ....	3,299	2,824	3,016	13,179	13,078	37,540
" cows " " ....	480	504	355	2,280	3,517	9,248

\* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

## ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Oklahoma City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders												
Apr. 14, 1961	2	49	10	13	9	38	7	12	5	50	57	42
Apr. 7, 1961	5	45	11	12	10	35	10	15	5	45	59	52
Apr. 15, 1960	3	55	22	19	7	22	5	10	12	60	75	55
Slaughter cows												
Apr. 14, 1961	5	6	7	3	7	5	20	12	10	10	9	11
Apr. 7, 1961	2	7	9	5	8	5	20	12	9	15	10	12
Apr. 15, 1960	6	7	12	8	10	6	25	12	15	15	8	17

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Apr. 13 1961	Apr. 14 1960	Apr. 13 1961	Apr. 14 1960	Apr. 13 1961	Apr. 14 1960	Apr. 13 1961	Apr. 14 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,643	976	11.6	4.9	1,283	1,236	27.42	31.27
Choice.....	12,312	11,105	53.9	55.2	1,206	1,186	25.18	27.98
Good.....	6,617	6,668	29.0	33.1	1,111	1,084	23.61	25.87
Standard.....	1,085	1,004	4.8	5.0	1,029	1,002	20.78	23.05
Commercial.....	15	--	.0	--	1,746	--	19.61	--
Utility.....	166	367	.7	1.8	1,068	1,043	19.12	20.26
All grades.....	22,838	20,120			1,179	1,143	24.80	27.14
OMAHA								
Prime.....	61	48	.4	.4	1,121	1,293	26.31	30.13
Choice.....	6,989	3,357	46.5	30.3	1,173	1,190	24.08	27.40
Good.....	6,900	6,590	45.9	59.5	1,096	1,098	22.94	25.41
Standard.....	836	678	5.6	6.1	1,087	1,050	19.33	21.89
Utility.....	234	406	1.6	3.7	985	1,031	18.35	19.85
All grades.....	15,020	11,079			1,130	1,121	23.25	25.68
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	--	98	--	1.1	--	1,392	--	29.63
Choice.....	4,497	3,023	47.5	34.1	1,185	1,181	24.38	27.29
Good.....	4,116	5,069	43.5	57.2	1,134	1,114	23.43	25.62
Standard.....	846	556	9.0	6.3	1,121	1,063	19.96	22.00
Utility.....	--	115	--	1.3	--	1,021	--	19.74
All grades.....	9,459	8,861			1,157	1,135	23.59	25.99
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	18	8	.3	.1	1,161	1,012	26.00	28.75
Choice.....	3,192	2,273	48.4	44.7	1,156	1,126	24.67	27.18
Good.....	2,789	2,134	42.2	42.0	1,079	1,057	23.46	25.47
Standard.....	562	605	8.5	12.0	1,072	1,097	19.92	22.08
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	40	59	.6	1.2	1,138	1,015	17.35	19.27
All grades.....	6,601	5,079			1,116	1,092	23.75	25.79
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	724	205	9.8	3.8	1,078	1,166	24.91	27.68
Good.....	4,913	3,481	66.3	64.2	1,033	1,030	23.35	25.74
Standard.....	1,547	1,246	20.9	23.0	965	967	20.73	23.17
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	226	493	3.0	9.0	888	967	18.45	20.17
All grades.....	7,410	5,425			1,019	1,015	22.86	24.78
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,529	2,867	33.7	44.5	1,144	1,142	24.54	27.49
Good.....	4,230	3,145	56.4	48.8	1,102	1,074	23.25	25.48
Standard.....	738	413	9.9	6.4	1,086	1,079	20.22	21.18
Utility.....	--	21	--	.3	--	931	--	18.79
All grades.....	7,497	6,446			1,114	1,104	23.41	26.12
DENVER								
Prime.....	39	--	1.1	--	1,294	--	24.38	--
Choice.....	2,626	2,188	73.5	73.7	1,187	1,169	24.01	26.59
Good.....	758	638	21.2	21.5	1,120	1,115	23.10	25.29
Standard.....	121	138	3.4	4.6	1,138	1,054	18.93	20.66
Utility.....	30	5	.8	.2	924	867	18.33	18.50
All grades.....	3,574	2,969			1,170	1,152	23.63	26.06

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

## WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area...	12,071	8,741	11,049	8,895	42,293	45,703	38,767	36,685
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,159	8,200	2,346	1,367	31,702	22,991	4,483	4,000
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	18,822	16,818	4,148	4,094	124,619	132,466	12,666	10,552
Chicago Area.....	15,865	15,267	5,473	6,094	43,627	35,113	6,821	4,642
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	27,586	27,644	18,443	20,571	104,167	106,696	19,201	10,116
St. Louis Area.....	11,111	10,430	1,411	1,442	72,470	87,123	3,902	3,949
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area 1/	21,842	19,610	--	--	94,185	90,609	11,709	12,913
Omaha Area.....	32,501	29,233	89	245	71,908	80,198	16,454	11,417
Kansas City.....	15,575	12,368	--	--	33,390	39,281	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	28,083	29,183	8,472	7,712	270,409	275,144	36,758	28,067
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's....	5,808	5,586	2,597	3,652	59,372	65,700	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	9,817	7,010	3,479	2,378	37,828	31,300	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	18,161	17,585	554	1,179	35,025	46,549	11,241	8,400
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	11,231	9,359	3,193	3,972	16,167	19,728	34,380	27,251
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	23,082	19,825	208	184	15,165	17,685	42,872	27,610
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas..	28,029	22,969	1,692	1,478	24,609	25,351	46,986	36,066
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,991	6,634	179	225	16,774	13,424	5,889	6,522
Total.....	295,734	266,462	63,333	63,488	1,093,710	1,135,061	292,129	228,190
Accumulation to date.....	4,420,286	4,384,893	968,172	1,042,750	16,767,720	18,519,220	3,924,781	3,595,817

1/ Correction for Sioux City-So. Dakota area for March 25, 1961 - Cattle 20,057; hogs 94,635.

## ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork		Lamb		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Apr. 15, 1961.....	355	213.4	97	11.2	1,265	177.6	310	15.5	417.7	--
Apr. 8, 1961.....	355	214.4	95	10.6	1,180	164.3	300	15.0	404.3	--
Mar. 25, 1961 1/.....	349	--	101	--	1,290	--	299	--	--	41.7
Apr. 16, 1960 1/.....	327	194.0	92	10.6	1,325	185.7	255	12.8	403.1	40.9

Percentage change from:

Apr. 8, 1961 .....	0	0	2	6	7	8	3	3	3	--
Apr. 16, 1960 .....	9	10	5	6	-5	-4	22	22	4	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Apr. 15, 1961 .....	1045	601	205	115	240	140	103	50	--
Apr. 8, 1961 .....	1050	604	200	112	238	139	103	50	--
Mar. 25, 1961 .....	1050	604	190	106	236	137	104	50	--
Apr. 16, 1960 .....	1031	593	202	115	239	140	104	50	12.9

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.



**CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS**  
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.
	15	16	15	16	15	16	15	16	15	16
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
<b>Steers -</b>										
Prime 900-1100#	27.22	31.08	--	--	26.48	30.38	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.48	31.55	--	--	26.45	30.35	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	25.68	28.38	25.12	27.82	24.90	28.28	24.05	26.50	24.38	27.62
1100-1300	25.55	28.62	24.82	27.70	24.78	28.22	24.05	26.50	23.75	27.00
Good 900-1100	23.30	25.58	23.22	25.35	23.00	25.02	21.75	23.62	23.00	25.62
Standard - All wts.	20.85	22.72	20.28	21.88	20.15	21.65	19.25	20.25	20.50	23.12
<b>Heifers -</b>										
Choice 700-900#	24.90	27.28	24.42	27.00	24.52	27.38	23.38	25.94	23.68	--
Good 600-800	--	--	22.32	24.75	22.42	24.12	21.12	22.81	22.00	25.12
Standard - All wts.	20.10	21.65	19.65	21.25	19.50	20.60	18.75	19.12	19.25	22.50
<b>Cows - All weights -</b>										
Commercial	17.42	17.65	17.60	18.00	17.45	17.85	--	18.88	--	18.00
Utility	16.88	16.92	17.10	16.50	16.78	16.38	16.75	17.25	15.75	16.75
Cutter	16.38	15.95	16.48	15.35	16.00	14.80	15.25	15.50	14.25	14.00
Canner	14.80	14.30	15.88	13.25	15.08	13.40	14.25	14.12	12.75	12.00
<b>Bulls - All weights -</b>										
Commercial	19.80	20.60	18.38	19.00	18.75	18.75	--	--	--	20.50
Utility	20.55	20.05	18.62	19.00	18.75	18.50	19.00	20.00	20.00	21.25
<b>Calves - 500# down -</b>										
Choice	--	--	23.85	25.50	--	--	--	--	--	29.00
Good	--	--	22.00	23.00	--	--	--	--	--	26.50
Standard	--	--	19.25	20.75	--	--	--	--	--	24.00
<b>Vealers - All wts. -</b>										
Choice	30.50	31.80	29.00	27.50	27.50	27.00	--	--	31.50	31.50
Good	27.00	29.00	25.25	24.50	24.75	24.50	--	--	29.50	29.50
Standard	22.00	23.50	20.75	21.50	21.50	21.00	--	--	25.50	26.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
<b>Steers -</b>										
Choice 500-800#	26.75	29.00	26.90	28.75	26.38	29.25	26.75	28.00	--	26.25
Good 500-800	24.50	26.25	24.40	25.50	24.38	25.50	24.38	25.25	24.25	24.00
Medium 500-1000	21.25	22.75	20.50	21.75	20.62	21.25	21.25	21.75	20.50	20.25
<b>Heifers -</b>										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	24.00	25.40	24.25	25.75	24.75	25.50	--	24.75
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.75	21.75	20.75	22.00	21.75	22.00	--	20.50
<b>Cows - All wts. -</b>										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	17.25	18.25	15.88	14.50	16.50	--	--	15.25
<b>Calves - 300-500# -</b>										
<b>Steers -</b>										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.25	29.75	29.00	30.75	30.25	31.00	--	28.00
<b>Heifers -</b>										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.50	26.25	26.00	27.00	28.25	28.00	--	25.50



HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	St. Joseph	Indianapolis	Omaha	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
Barrows and gilts -									
U. S. No. 1 & 2									
180-200#	17.68	16.34	--	17.72	16.78	17.45	15.75	17.90	16.89
200-220	17.89	16.75	17.28	17.72	16.78	17.89	16.55	17.92	16.90
220-240	17.66	16.61	17.28	17.72	16.78	17.89	16.55	17.74	16.85
U. S. No. 2 & 3									
200-220	17.50	16.43	16.89	17.47	16.40	17.35	16.02	17.45	16.55
220-240	17.41	16.38	16.89	17.44	16.35	17.35	16.02	17.37	16.52
240-270	17.24	16.16	16.52	17.25	16.06	17.28	15.80	17.06	16.16
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3									
180-200	17.46	16.11	16.41	17.53	16.50	17.20	15.45	17.64	16.64
200-220	17.67	16.60	17.08	17.53	16.50	17.50	16.30	17.62	16.72
220-240	17.49	16.53	17.05	17.48	16.46	17.50	16.30	17.55	16.66
240-270	17.28	16.28	16.67	17.34	16.12	17.35	15.98	17.22	16.40
Sows - U. S. 1, 2 & 3									
270-330	--	15.98	14.74	16.65	14.70	16.82	15.00	16.70	14.92
330-400	16.25	14.35	15.58	14.37	16.48	14.40	16.58	14.50	16.38
400-550	15.50	13.75	14.87	13.52	15.95	14.12	16.22	14.05	15.95
South									
Classification	St. Paul	Sioux City	Sioux Falls	Cincinnati	Fort Worth	Thomasville	Baltimore	North	Portland
Barrows and gilts -									
U. S. No. 1 & 2									
180-200#	17.75	15.98	17.53	16.08	--	17.71	16.66	--	17.35
200-220	17.75	16.38	17.69	16.42	17.64	16.28	17.77	16.82	17.84
220-240	17.75	16.38	17.70	16.40	17.64	16.28	17.54	16.57	17.75
U. S. No. 2 & 3									
200-220	17.35	15.90	17.49	16.22	17.44	15.95	17.63	16.77	--
220-240	17.35	15.85	17.42	16.18	17.44	15.92	17.48	16.52	--
240-270	17.15	15.72	17.34	15.94	17.12	15.58	17.20	16.02	17.50
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3									
180-200	17.45	15.75	17.46	15.98	--	17.62	16.62	17.69	--
200-220	17.45	16.05	17.54	16.26	17.49	16.20	17.62	16.77	17.69
220-240	17.45	16.00	17.54	16.26	17.49	16.10	17.50	16.52	17.69
240-270	17.32	15.80	17.34	16.02	17.18	15.62	17.20	16.04	17.38
Sows - U. S. 1, 2 & 3									
270-330	16.62	14.58	16.80	14.58	--	14.75	16.48	14.40	16.12
330-400	16.25	14.45	16.65	14.45	16.35	14.55	16.10	14.05	15.75
400-550	15.95	14.20	16.02	13.98	15.78	14.15	15.52	13.70	15.06
Feeder pigs - All weights									
Good and Choice	16.95	14.75	16.68	--	--	--	--	--	--

# HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 15, 1961	17.37	17.42	17.54	17.45	17.36	17.45	17.18	17.48	17.39
	Apr. 8, 1961	17.59	17.73	17.56	17.36	17.28	17.33	17.30	17.68	17.49
	Apr. 16, 1960	16.25	16.24	16.10	15.80	15.79	16.03	15.72	16.53	16.03
Sows	Apr. 15, 1961	15.48	16.02	16.50	16.29	16.10	16.21	16.01	15.79	16.00
	Apr. 8, 1961	15.60	16.20	16.33	16.25	16.00	16.01	15.81	15.82	16.00
	Apr. 16, 1960	13.82	14.27	14.29	14.10	14.04	14.38	14.04	13.93	14.08
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 15, 1961	237	225	234	240	245	235	241	228	235
	Apr. 8, 1961	236	224	237	240	245	234	237	230	234
	Apr. 16, 1960	237	219	228	242	242	230	239	228	233
Sows	Apr. 15, 1961	450	411	426	424	436	421	418	462	431
	Apr. 8, 1961	457	405	425	421	423	414	411	457	425
	Apr. 16, 1960	444	393	417	427	419	403	420	441	420
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 15, 1961	28526	43068	13968	31745	28391	15529	36822	29166	227215
	Apr. 8, 1961	23236	40109	9861	30387	24632	10341	36441	27510	202517
	Apr. 16, 1960	26002	49744	12952	34925	39379	22700	32501	26003	244206
Sows	Apr. 15, 1961	2735	3714	660	4285	2806	933	3388	2860	21381
	Apr. 8, 1961	1946	3102	553	4240	2494	681	2964	2270	18250
	Apr. 16, 1960	2821	4311	995	4895	3966	1782	3712	3181	25663
SOWS		Percentage of total								
		Apr. 15, 1961	9	8	5	12	9	6	8	9
		Apr. 8, 1961	8	7	5	12	9	6	8	8
		Apr. 16, 1960	10	8	7	12	9	7	10	10

1/ Weighted average.

## WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Apr. 15, 1961	\$19.70	\$17.67	\$2.03
Apr. 8, 1961	19.45	17.91	1.54
Apr. 16, 1960	18.64	16.60	2.04

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

## HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 15, 1961	17.37	106.4	16.3
Apr. 8, 1961	17.59	104.3	16.9
Apr. 16, 1960	16.25	120.8	13.5

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.



**SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS**  
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	Portland
SIAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down							
Prime	Apr. 15, 1961 17.82	--	--	--	--	--	14.75**
	Apr. 16, 1960 22.75	22.15	23.00*	22.80*	--	21.25	--
Choice	Apr. 15, 1961 17.38	17.05	17.62*	17.05*	16.75	--	14.50**
	Apr. 16, 1960 21.88	21.22	22.40*	22.40*	21.09	20.75	23.75*
Good	Apr. 15, 1961 16.25	15.98	16.38*	16.00*	15.75	--	13.00**
	Apr. 16, 1960 21.03	20.12	20.20	21.45*	20.09	19.88	18.25
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.							
Good and	Apr. 15, 1961 7.05**	6.50	5.00	--	6.62	--	5.50**
Choice	Apr. 16, 1960 7.85	6.50	6.50	--	6.75**	6.00	7.25
Cull and	Apr. 15, 1961 6.10**	5.38	4.25	5.50**	5.38	--	4.00**
Utility	Apr. 16, 1960 6.60	4.75	5.00	7.50**	4.75**	4.00	5.25
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.							
Good and	Apr. 15, 1961 --	16.12	--	13.50	15.45	--	--
Choice	Apr. 16, 1960 --	21.00	18.10	19.00	19.88	--	16.75

\*Spring lambs.

\*\*Shorn basis.

**LIVESTOCK PRICES AT CHICAGO COMPARED WITH WHOLESALE AND COMPOSITE RETAIL MEAT PRICES AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MEAT VALUES AT NEW YORK**

	Steers			Lambs			Hogs		
	Mar. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1960	Mar. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1960	Mar. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1960
Dollars per 100 pounds									
Live animal prices									
Chicago 1/.....	26.67	27.31	29.50	17.83	18.00	22.64	17.74	18.41	15.72
Wholesale meat									
prices, New York 2/	44.28	45.51	47.96	38.50	39.88	46.72	--	--	--
Cents per pound									
Composite retail meat									
prices, New York 3/	78.15	77.51	78.94	63.26	60.51	65.92	--	--	--
Value of carcass meat from 100# live animal (Dollars)									
Wholesale-New York 4/	26.57	27.31	28.78	18.86	19.54	22.89	21.94	22.17	19.11
Retail-New York 5/	36.73	36.43	37.10	29.86	28.56	31.11	29.00	29.31	24.94

1/ Av. Choice and Prime steers, 900-1100 lb., Choice and Prime lambs, and U. S. No. 1,2 and 3, 220-240# hogs. 2/ Av. Choice and Prime steer beef, 600-800 lb., and Choice and Prime lamb. 3/ Composite av. of semi-monthly retail quotations on various cuts (incl. lard) combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 4/ 60 lb. of beef carcass, 49 lb. of lamb carcass and 60.43 lb. of principal hog products consisting of smoked, skinned hams, bacon, picnics, fresh loins, Boston butts, spareribs, and carton lard combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 5/ 47.0 lb. of beef cuts, 47.2 lb. of lamb cuts and 58.56 lb. of principal hog products, incl. lard.

## WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

### LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

**EASTERN SEABOARD** - The general trend for steer beef on the Eastern Seaboard was steady to \$1.00 lower, bulk fully 50¢ off, and meager supply Prime sold steady to strong at New York; cow beef mostly steady, except Philadelphia strong to 75¢ higher; veal and calf steady to \$3.00 lower, mostly \$1.00 decline; lamb steady to \$1.00 higher, with New York and Philadelphia fully \$1.00 advanced. Pork loins were \$1.00-3.00 higher, however, close at New York was 50¢ lower, due to \$2.00 decline for limited sales on closing session. Boston butts were steady to \$2.00 lower; other pork cuts mostly steady, instances strong on spareribs.

Prices for Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters were weak to 50¢ lower; lamb, veal and calf unchanged. Trading at New York was moderately active and demand rather broad; other markets showed fair activity, except beef and veal generally dull. Lamb was moderately active, and pork rather slow. Supplies of all classes were ample for the demand. Beef, veal and lamb receipts were normal, and pork moderate. Spring lamb carcasses were scarce and quality of old crop was poorest of the season, particularly evident at the New York market. Good clearance prevailed at all markets, except some carryover of beef and veal at Washington.

**CHICAGO** - Steer and heifer beef closed 50¢-1.00 lower; veal \$1.00-2.00 lower; lamb steady to 50¢ higher. Pork loins were \$2.50-3.00 lower; Boston butts \$1.00 lower; and spareribs steady.

Supplies of beef, lamb and veal were moderate with beef mostly Good and Choice grades. Lamb carcasses were mostly 45-65# weights with carcasses under 45# in limited supply. Fresh pork supply was small at the outset but increased to a moderate volume later.

Carcass beef trade was slow as were primal cuts until midweek. From Wednesday on, rounds, ribs and loins were in fair demand with rounds advancing \$1.00 over the low close last Friday. Arm and squarecut chucks were draggy and worked lower. Trading on veal closed slow. Demand was only moderate for lamb with hindsaddles outselling forequarter meat. Sellers having difficulty clearing lamb hotel ribs for more than a month. All fresh pork cuts sold fairly active on early sessions but outlets narrowed particularly for loins. Some beef and lamb primal cuts unsold, otherwise clearance fairly complete.

**PACIFIC COAST** - Steer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower, except Choice 700-800# 50¢ higher in San Francisco. Cow beef, veal and calf steady, except veal \$2.00-3.00 higher in Los Angeles. Spring lamb was firm to \$1.00 higher in Los Angeles but elsewhere spring and old crop lamb

sold weak to \$1.00 lower. Fresh loins and spareribs sold \$2.00 higher in San Francisco, but otherwise fresh pork was steady to \$1.00 lower. Smoked pork was steady to \$1.00 lower.

Liberal supply of spring lamb found good outlets at Los Angeles, but was excessive for moderate demand at other points. Otherwise, supplies of most meats were fully normal and trading for most classes continued slow.

### CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

#### MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY -

Steer beef closed 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off. Heifer beef was steady to 50¢ lower with part of early declines recovered on both classes; cow beef 50¢ higher. Lamb sold steady to 50¢ lower. Pork loins were \$1.50 lower; fresh hams steady to \$1.00 lower, least decline on 12-14# offerings; Boston butts 50¢ lower; pork sides steady to 30¢ lower.

Supplies were normal on all classes, demand on steer and heifer beef was rather poor with demand moderately good on other classes.

Closing prices, f.o.b. plant basis.

Beef: Choice 600-700# steer carcasses \$38.50-39.50, few carlots \$40.00; Choice 700-800# \$37.50-38.50, few carlots \$39.00; Good 600-700# \$36.00-37.00, high-Good \$37.25-37.50; Good 700-800# \$35.50-37.00. Choice 500-700# heifer carcasses \$37.50-39.00, mostly \$38.00-38.50; Good 500-700# \$35.50-36.50. Canner, Cutter and Utility cow beef \$31.00-32.00.

Lamb: Choice, including some Prime 45-55# carcasses \$33.25-36.50, mostly \$34.00-35.25.

Pork: Loins 8-12# \$39.50-41.00; fresh hams 12-14# \$36.75-37.50; 14-16# \$35.50-36.50; Boston butts 4-8# \$33.50-34.50. U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$24.75-25.30; 155-175# \$24.40-25.00.

Clearance was incomplete at some points on steer and heifer beef and complete on cow beef. Clearance mostly fair on other classes.

Based on reports from major slaughtering centers--Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, St. Joseph, St. Louis and the Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota area.

**CARLOT SUMMARY** - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer beef sold steady to \$1.50 lower, largely 50¢-\$1.00 off; heifer beef steady to 50¢ higher, except weak to \$1.50 lower at Philadelphia. Cow beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 higher; lamb mostly \$1.00-1.50 lower, except old crop lamb steady to 50¢ lower at Denver. Pork loins sold fully \$3.00 lower at Chicago, but 50¢-\$1.00 higher at Philadelphia.

Supplies of most classes were moderate. Trading for steer and heifer beef and lamb was generally slow with cow beef and pork moderately active.



**WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS**  
**Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds**

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 16
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<b>Steer beef -</b>									
Prime	700-800#	44.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	43.45	47.50	41.62	45.88	40.88	45.00	40.34	45.00
	700-800	41.95	46.70	40.62	44.38	39.38	43.50	39.00	43.31
Good	500-600	40.70	44.00	39.00	43.13	40.50	44.00	39.50	43.25
	600-700	40.95	44.50	39.00	43.13	39.12	43.00	38.50	42.00
<b>Heifer beef -</b>									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	40.88	44.44	39.50	44.00	40.25	44.25
	600-700	--	--	40.12	44.44	--	42.50	39.25	43.50
Good	500-600	--	--	37.88	41.44	--	--	39.00	42.50
<b>Veal -</b>									
Prime	90-120#	62.40	60.20	60.50	55.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	52.40	49.70	52.75	50.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	46.90	45.20	48.25	45.50	52.00	54.00	--	--
<b>Lamb -</b>									
Prime	45-55#	39.50	49.50	38.50	46.50	38.50*	46.00*	39.50*	45.50*
Choice	45-55	39.50	46.00	38.50	46.50	38.50*	46.00*	39.50*	45.50*
<b>Fresh pork -</b>									
Loins	8-12#	46.10	43.10	43.30	41.60	47.75	48.00	45.75	43.12
Butts	4-8	39.00	37.50	37.30	33.55	42.50	39.00	42.00	36.50
Spareribs	3# down	41.25	43.00	38.00	39.75	46.50	47.00	42.00	43.38
<b>Cured pork -</b>									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.50	46.00	46.50	49.50	46.50	50.50	45.25	49.88
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		49.00	38.90	53.25	51.50	54.50	49.00	54.00	51.25
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	35.50	29.50	38.25	34.00	35.75	32.00	34.50	33.00
Lard, 1# carton		17.25	12.75	16.38	13.50	18.00	16.50	17.62	15.00

*Spring lamb.		BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED			APRIL 14, 1961	
Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	39.50-40.00	38.00-39.00	38.50-39.25	41.00-42.00	41.00-41.50
	700-800	38.50-39.00	37.50-38.00	37.75-38.25	40.00-41.00	40.00-40.50
	800-900	38.00-38.50	37.00-37.50	37.25-37.75	39.50-40.50	39.00-40.00
Good	500-600	37.00-38.00	--	--	39.00-40.00	--
	600-700	37.00-38.00	37.50-38.00	36.50-37.25	38.00-40.00	38.50-40.00
	700-800	36.50-37.50	37.50-38.00	36.25-36.50	38.00-40.00	38.00-39.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	38.50-39.00	37.00-39.50	37.50-38.00	--	--
	600-700	38.50-39.00	36.70-37.75	37.50-38.00	--	40.00-40.50
Good	500-600	36.50-37.00	37.00	35.50-36.00	--	--
	600-700	36.00-36.50	35.00-35.50	35.50-36.00	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		31.50-32.50	31.00-32.50	31.00-31.50	--	33.00-33.50
Canner and Cutter		31.75-32.50	--	31.00-31.50	--	33.00-33.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	37.00-41.00*	--	38.00-41.00	38.00-39.00
	45-55	34.00-36.00	36.00-40.00*	33.25-34.75	36.00-37.50	36.00-37.00
	55-65	31.00-33.00	--	31.25-32.25	33.00-35.00	34.00-35.50
Choice	35-45	--	35.50	--	38.00-41.00	38.00-39.00
	45-55	34.00-36.00	33.00-34.50	33.25-34.75	36.00-37.50	36.00-37.00
	55-65	31.00-33.00	30.00-32.50	31.25-32.25	33.00-35.00	34.00-35.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	41.00-41.50	--	40.50-41.00	--	44.00-44.50

\* Spring lamb.

# BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading at the Boston market was active as prices advanced about 2-3¢ clean basis. Around 10 cars of greasy combing wools were moved. Offerings of pulled wools were limited while trading for noils was active and prices advanced. Little was done in scoured shorn wools.

Trading in the western States was fairly active at strong prices for practically all classes of wools. It was estimated that up to 50 percent of all medium wools in Ohio and Indiana had been sold.

Midweek cables from Australia showed a good selection of topmaking and spinners merinos, come-backs and crossbred wools offered at Geelong as prices advanced 2½-5 percent compared to the Easter recess with Eastern Europe and Japan dominating. At the Wellington, New Zealand sale there was keen and general competition with Eastern Europe operating especially in 48/50s and finer grades. Trading was active at strong prices. There was a much firmer tone at the East London sale in South Africa with prices about 2½¢ higher than the close prior to the Easter recess. The South American markets were dull with only occasional sales of 60s and finer wools in Montevideo.

Fleece Wools - Graded 60/62s staple and good French combing fleece wool sold around \$1.04 clean basis. Dealers estimated graded 50/54s staple fleece wools around 97¢ clean basis. Buyers were paying mostly 40-43¢ for medium wools in Ohio and Indiana.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple territory wool sold around \$1.14-1.15 clean basis while graded California 64s brought \$1.15. In Wyoming, the Star Valley pool of approximately 170,000#, bulk 3/8s, 1/4 and low 1/4-blood sold around 54.6¢ grease basis f.o.b. while in the Basin area various clips sold in a range from 34-42¢ grease basis for all grades to the growers. Various sales in Montana ranged from 40-42½¢ grease basis f.o.b. as clean prices ranged upward to \$1.01, delivered East for bulk fine and half-blood wools. The Minnadoka pool in Idaho, up to 125,000# of bulk 3/8s and half with an edge of quarter-blood sold for May delivery at 43.5¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Various range clips in the State of Washington sold recently from 39-42¢ grease basis to the growers.

Texas Wools - Original bag, bulk good French combing and staple 12 months wool sold in Texas from \$1.17-1.20 clean basis, delivered East while up to \$1.12 clean basis was paid for short wools.

Mohair - There was improved domestic business in mostly medium grade mohair with some kid tops for both woolen and worsted consumption. Adult hair alone was purchased in Texas at 93½¢ to the warehouse. Dealers estimate approximately four million pounds of mohair remained unsold in Texas.

Foreign Wools - Turnover of spot foreign wools continued dull. Super skirted Montevideo 60s sold for shipment around \$1.12 clean basis, duty paid. Cabled quotations at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

## Australia Oil-combed

45 - \$1.21	79 - \$1.09
46 - 1.17	422 - 1.10
47 - 1.13	423 - 1.03
77 - 1.15	424 - .98
78 - 1.12	425 - .95

## New Zealand Oil-combed

93 - \$.88	107 - \$.82
834 - .87	114 - .80
100 - .84	128 - .78

Carpet fleece \$.77

## South Africa Oil-combed      Scoured Yields

7 - \$1.09	17 - \$1.04
8 - 1.07	22 - 1.05
12 - 1.06	27 - 1.03
47 - 1.07	28 - 1.02
48 - 1.05	32 - .98
52 - 1.05	37 - .95
53 - 1.04	38 - .94

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools - 64s - 93-94¢, 60/64s - 90-91¢, 60s - 87-88¢, 60/58s - 85-86¢, 58/56s - 84-85¢, 56/50s - 83-84¢.

Carpet Wools - Spot carpet wool sales were slow. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clip wools were quoted at 73-74½¢ and March wools around 70¢ while greasy New Zealand fleeces were priced around 76-78¢, early shorn wools about 73½¢ and crutchings around 72½¢ all clean fibers present for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

## Scoured Pulled Domestic

56/58s 1½-2½" wh. \$1.02

## Scoured Shorn Domestic

56/58s lambs fair color \$.87

## Noils

Aust. 64/70s nobles	\$.90
Semi-clear Aust. 64s nobles	.86
Ave. style Aust. 64s nobles	.83
Clear B. A. 64s Schlumberger	.63-.64
Clear B. A. 60s Schlumberger	.62
Dom. 56s nobles	.58

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Apr. 13, 1961  
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

May wool tops	- \$1.560
July wool tops	- 1.566
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
May wool	- \$1.187
July wool	- 1.211
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	



Red meat supplies are generally lower on April 1 than on March 1 but this year because of strong upturn in pork stocks and with beef showing little change, holdings were up 11 million pounds to 481 million. Total meat supplies were still about one-fifth less than average and the stocks of April 1, 1960. Pork holdings increased 11 million pounds to 246 million on April 1. During March 1960, a 5-million pound reduction lowered stocks to 338 million pounds. The average March change in pork stocks is an increase of 6 million pounds and average April 1 stocks are 353 million pounds. Beef holdings at 143 million pounds were almost unchanged from a month earlier. This is in contrast to a 20-million pound reduction reported during March 1960 which lowered stocks to 166 million pounds by April 1, and an average reduction of 12 million pounds for this time of year. Average stocks are 163 million pounds.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, MARCH 31, 1961 WITH COMPARISONS  
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private  
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	March 1956-60 av.	March 1960	February 1961	March 1961
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen . . . . .	151,188	154,070	135,058	133,235
In cure and cured . . . . .	11,629	11,580	9,049	9,967
Total . . . . .	162,817	165,650	144,107	143,202
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics . . . . .	1/	11,695	7,695	6,405
Hams . . . . .	1/	46,829	51,998	37,552
Bellies . . . . .	1/	115,771	58,880	74,812
Loins . . . . .	1/	1/	7,494	9,947
Jowls . . . . .	1/	1/	7,619	10,111
Butts . . . . .	1/	1/	3,757	4,560
Spareribs . . . . .	1/	1/	8,635	11,155
Trimnings . . . . .	1/	1/	14,489	16,633
Other pork . . . . .	1/	109,593	36,973	40,476
Total . . . . .	288,984	283,888	197,540	211,651
Pork in cooler:				
Dry salt bellies . . . . .	1/	11,548	6,154	5,469
Other dry salt pork . . . . .	1/	6,171	4,949	4,620
Other pork cuts . . . . .	1/	36,314	26,924	24,568
Total . . . . .	64,017	54,033	38,027	34,657
Total pork . . . . .	353,001	337,921	235,567	246,308
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen . . . . .	12,571	7,924	12,870	12,053
Lamb and mutton, frozen . . . . .	9,003	11,188	11,767	16,972
Canned meats in cooler:				
Hams . . . . .	2/ (69,498	2/ (70,940	40,601	37,603
Other meats . . . . .	(	(	25,041	25,072
Total all meats . . . . .	606,890	593,623	469,953	481,210
Lard, rendered and refined 3/	144,399	152,500	112,400	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 5/ -				
Pork . . . . .	5,703	2,147	2,130	2,012
Beef . . . . .	4,904	1,944	2,519	1,915

1/ No historical data available. 2/ Includes other canned meats. 3/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 4/ Not available. 5/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U. S. D. A., the Armed Services and other Government Agencies.

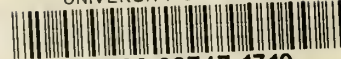
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